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SUBJECT: FURTHER GREEK PRESS COVERAGE OF SECYS MESSAGE TO MAKARIOS

REF: ATHENS 8323

1. THE GREEK PRESS OCT 31 CONTINUED TO GIVE SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT TO REPORTS CONCERNING SECY KISSINGERS MESSAGE TO PRES. MAKARIOS. ALL PAPERS TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE MESSAGE WAS NOT A WRITTEN ONE BUT RATHER WAS DELIVERED VERBALLY BY AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD.

2. THE PRESS ACCOUNTS ARE GENERALLY BASED ON STORIES FILED FROM NICOSIA. THEY HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT THE GOC HAS REJECTED THE SECRETARY'S REPORTED URGING THAT THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS BE RESUMED, FOR THE TIME BEING AND AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE UN DEBATE ON CYPRUS HAS BEEN HELD AND UNTIL THE TURKISH SIDE SUBMITS CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON ALL ASPECTS OF A CYPRUS SOLUTION. THE STORIES ALSO AGREE -- BASED ON "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES" -- THAT PRES. MAKARIOS IMMEDIATELY INFORMED ATHENS OF THE SECRETARY'S INTERVENTION AND THAT BOTH NICOSIA AND ATHENS ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF

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ESTABLISHING A JOINT FRONT IN THE LIGHT OF THESE NEW

DEVELOPMENTS.

3. IN ADDITION THE NEWS STORIES AGREE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION TO ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS THAT TURKEY WOULD PROCEED TO MAKE ANY CONCRETE PROPOSALS OR TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWALS. RATHER, REPORTEDLY THE SECRETARY ONLY STATED IN HIS MESSAGE THAT THE TURKISH SIDE HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT ONCE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WERE RESUMED IT WOULD STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF TERRITORY.

4. CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVT VRADYNI, THIS AFTERNOON, IS THE ONLY PAPER TO CARRY A REPORT THAT THE USG HAS URGED THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS TO THE GOG, GOT, AND GOC THROUGH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN ATHENS, ANKARA AND NICOSIA, AND THAT THIS WAS DONE EARLIER THIS WEEK.

5. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES: APOYEVMATINI (CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT) "NO TO KISSINGER FROM MAKARIOS"; VRADYNI (CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVT) "FIRST TURKISH WITHDRAWALS AND AFTERWARDS A DIALOGUE: GREECE AND CYPRUS ANSWER KISSINGER"; ATHINAIKI (LEFT OF CENTER, PRO-PASOK) "CYPRUS SAID NO TO ULTIMATUM OF KISSINGER: HIS PROPOSALS ARE A TRAP".
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